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Hickman's Family Farms to Donate 300,000 Eggs to Food Banks in Arizona *Part of an Overall Donation of 700,000 Eggs Feeding Families in Five States*

ARIZONA – April 7, 2011 – Leading up to the Easter holiday, food banks across Arizona, as well as in Hawaii, Nevada, Colorado and California will receive approximately 700,000 eggs from Hickman's Family Farms – Arizona's only commercial egg producer. The donation is a long-time Hickman's family tradition before Easter and has been part of United Egg Producers contribution to Feeding America's national campaign for the past four years. Donations in Arizona will be made to St. Mary's Food Bank Alliance in Phoenix, Yuma Community Food Bank, Community Food Bank in Tucson, United Food Bank in Mesa and St. Mary's Food Bank in Flagstaff.

"We have decades of making egg deliveries to food banks near Easter, but the official standardized program with United Egg Producers began four years ago," said Clint Hickman, vice president of sales and marketing for Hickman's. "Our average donation at Easter is around 700,000 eggs -- and year round to different organizations combined is approximately one million eggs."

"The donation will provide food-insecure people with much needed high-quality protein, which helps kids and adults build muscle strength, helps older adults prevent muscle loss, and may also promote weight management. "Food banks are experiencing a tremendous increase in demand right now, and we will ensure these eggs end up on the plates of families in need throughout the state," said Hickman.

Eggs are scheduled to be delivered at five different food banks in Arizona that distribute throughout the communities they serve:

- **Flagstaff – St. Mary's Food Bank, Tuesday, April 12 – 9 a.m.**
- **Mesa -- United Food Bank, Wednesday, April 13 – 10 a.m.**
- **Yuma Community Food Bank, Wednesday, April 20 – 10 a.m.**
- **Tucson, Community Food Bank, Wednesday, April 20 – 10:30 a.m.**
- **Phoenix – St. Mary's Food Bank, Thursday, April 21 – between 8 -9 a.m.**

About Hickman’s Family Farms

Hickman's Family Farms has been family-owned and operated in Arizona since 1944. Beginning with a flock of less than 500 in Grandma Hickman's back yard, by 1993 Hickman’s was left standing as the only Arizona egg producer with chickens and a USDA-inspected processing plant. Hickman’s currently operates three production facilities in Arizona, which house a combined total of close to five million chickens. Despite its massive growth, Hickman's Family Farms remains committed to supplying fresh product at competitive prices. For more information visit: www.hickmanseggs.com.

About United Egg Producers

United Egg Producers (UEP) is the nation’s leading trade association for U.S. egg farmers, representing 97 percent of U.S. egg farmers, whose members produce eggs including modern cage production, cage-free, free range, organic and other specialty eggs. UEP is based in Alpharetta, GA. To learn more about the egg industry visit www.uepcertified.com.

About Feeding America

(Formerly America's Second Harvest - The Nation's Food Bank Network)

Feeding America provides low-income individuals and families with the fuel to survive and even thrive. As the nation’s leading domestic hunger-relief charity, our network members supply food to more than 25 million Americans each year. For more information on how you can fight hunger in your community and across the country, visit www.feedingamerica.org.

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